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AN IMPORTANT INVESTMENT.

The Old State Bank Building Is to Give Way to a Large Business Block.

The Franklin Life Insurance Company's building, better known as the old State Bank building, with the ground on which it stands, at the corner of Kentucky avenue and Illinois street, was sold at receiver's sale yesterday for \$53,100. The purchasers are Schults & Co., the soap manufacturers, of Zanesville, O. The company has for some time been looking after Indianapolis property, and this investment is the outcome of its investigations and inquiries. Some time ago the Messrs. Schults purchased all the ground between the Franklin building and the first alley on Kentucky avenue, paying for it \$10,000. That purchase was quietly made, and yesterday, when the property was put up for sale, A. W. Train, attorney for the company, and John Hore, its financial agent, bought it. The total amount invested is \$63,100. The gentlemen representing the company say that the old bank building and all other houses on the ground will be torn away to make room for a fine brick structure, which is to cover the entire ground. The new block will not be less than five stories high, and of modern architecture. The ground floor will be used for store rooms, but the company hopes to have a bank located in one of them. The rooms of the upper stories will be fitted up for office purposes. The estimated cost of the new block is \$200,000. When completed it will be one of the finest business blocks in the city. It will have a frontage on Illinois street of 189 feet and on Kentucky avenue of 176 feet.

New sideboards at Wm. L. Elder's.

BIDS ON PUBLIC LIGHT.

The Report Thereon Will Probably Favor a Contract with the Gas Company.

The special Council committee on public light has been considering the bids received at the Council's last meeting, but no report so far has been framed. The committee was instructed to report at the special meeting on Monday night, and will submit a recommendation of some kind. There is a probability that it will recommend that a contract be renewed with the Indianapolis Gas-light and Coke Company, whose bid, in some respects, is regarded as the best submitted. It is thought that in case the committee agrees to make such a recommendation the gas company will agree to reduce the price of gas to private consumers from \$1.25 per thousand feet to \$1.10. Whatever recommendation the committee may make it is believed that the majority in the Council is in favor of electric light. The bids submitted to the Council, it is claimed, do not fairly show what it will cost to light the city. For instance, the gas company agreed to light the present number of street lamps for \$39,650 on the moonlight schedule. Members of the Council say that the present number is insufficient, and that to light the city properly at least one-eighty more lamps would have to be put in, which would make the bid of the gas company about \$45,000. The electric-light companies, with the exception of the Jenny, estimate that that 500 are lights of 2,000-candle-power will light the city. Under that estimate they bid as follows on the moonlight (the lowest) schedule: Brush, \$46,500; Jenny, \$37,500; Thomas-Houston, \$52,200.

The city engineer, as well as all the members of the committee, believe that it will be a fair bid to light the city properly, which will increase the several bids to the following amounts: Brush, \$52,700; Thomas-Houston, \$55,000. The Jenny company agrees to light the city to the satisfaction of the Council and Board of Aldermen, regardless of the number of lamps required, for \$59,000 on the moonlight schedule, \$42,000 on the 2,740-hour schedule, or \$45,000 on the 3,750-hour schedule, or it agrees to furnish the 500 lamps at \$37,500 on the moonlight schedule, and then charge \$62.50 for all additional lamps used. Some of the members of the Board of Aldermen believe a contract should be closed with the gas company, and are inclined to favor the proposition to light the whole city, regardless of the number of lights required. Whatever the committee may do, it is now definitely agreed that the city will take public light. It is being urged by some that it would be wise to contract with the gas company, because if an electric-light company is given the contract it will be several months before a plant can be put in operation, and that in the meantime the city would be paying the gas company at the rate of \$75,000 per annum. On the other hand, it is being urged that many business houses and private residences would be lighted with electricity if a plant is put in, thereby making it of permanent value at the outset.

INCREASE OF CAPITAL.

The Consumers' Trust Takes Steps to Secure Additional Subscriptions.

About a hundred citizens and stockholders of the Consumers' Gas Trust Company met last night in Pfaff's Hall to discuss the best plans for further operation. The meeting was to consider the question of extending the lines, both low and high pressure, and to this end \$250,000 more is needed. Judge Robt. N. Lamb presided, and spoke in very encouraging terms concerning the company's affairs. He made a brief statement of its wants and the intentions of the directors if they can but secure the patronage of the citizens in increasing the stock. Sixty-seven miles of low-pressure pipe has already been purchased. Out of the \$500,000 subscribed \$340,000 has been collected. The only thing that remains to be done is to raise \$250,000 more, with which sum the company could, without doubt, have all pipes laid, and an abundant supply of gas by the middle of October. Over 7,000 contracts are already in from private residences applying for gas for fuel and lighting purposes. Judge Lamb then turned upon the uncertainties under which the Trust began operation. Scarcity of money, lack of good gas territory, and its inability to purchase a sufficient quantity of piping were the difficulties that at the very outset stared them in the face. But now, under the careful management of the trustees and directors, the Trust is strongly backed by prominent business men, who have what is considered the most productive gas belt at its command, and has been fortunate enough to purchase an ample supply of piping at very reasonable rates. Indianapolis pays out annually \$1,700,000 for fuel alone, and it certainly behooves a community to save this enormous sum if any practicable scheme can be proposed. The offer of the Trust, he said, fills the bill exactly. The reduction in gas under the intended plan will more than cover every dollar invested.

Hugh M. Hanna, vice-president of the Atlas engine works, ex-Governor A. G. Porter, Jno. P. Frenzel and others spoke on the feasibility of increasing the capital stock, and expressed themselves as heartily in favor of the movement. Upon motion of W. J. Richards the meeting adjourned the raising of \$250,000 for extension purposes, and an executive committee was appointed to arrange plans for collecting subscriptions. The committee is composed of Jno. P. Frenzel, chairman; W. J. Richards, J. F. Farley, C. C. Foster, M. S. Huey, John Hollenbeck, D. P. Irwin, A. A. McKain, H. H. Hanna, L. S. Gordon, A. Bardall, J. B. Conner, H. Kraus, J. F. Pratt, Alfred Potts, Caleb S. Denny, Peter Lieber, Eli Lilly, Rev. D. O'Donoghue and Robert Hansen. This committee will appoint sub-committees to canvass the city districts, and will hold a meeting to-night at 8 o'clock in the Builders' Exchange, on South Pennsylvania street. A large number of subscriptions were raised before the meeting adjourned. The following citizens signed notes for \$1,000 apiece: John P. Frenzel, H. H. Hanna, A. G. Porter, P. Lieber, Eli Lilly, Fred Fannley, J. F. Pratt and E. P. Claypool. Numerous smaller subscriptions were taken, including that of Judge Lamb for \$500; Thomas Davis, \$500; Hetherington & Berner, \$500, and U. S. Thompson, \$100, after which the meeting adjourned.

THE POLICE FORCE NEEDS.

Six Men Are Added to the List, but More Could Be Used with Good Effect.

At the regular meeting of the Police Board, last Monday, the petition of Superintendent Travis for twenty more men was considered. The members of the board all agreed that there was pressing need of a larger force, but, knowing the financial condition of the city, deferred taking any steps until the finance committee of the Council was consulted. Thursday the board and the finance committee talked the matter over. The committee opposed the appointment of so many additional men, but finally agreed to the commissioners putting on six more men. The board met yesterday, and William Henderson, as the Democratic member, appointed the three from his party. He named Charles Sorter, Fred Kurtz and John Brennan. There were quite a number of Republican applications, and Messrs. Ruckie and Elmer deferred appointing their quota until to-day. Six new men will all be extras. Their appointment promotes extras Tolben, Cich and Reiser to the regular list. Superintendent Travis is much pleased with the increase, although he would like to have had more men. He says the city will not be redistricted at present, but all the extras will be kept on regular duty. "It was absolutely necessary that we should have more men," said he last evening. "It would have been impossible for the old force to handle the crowds that will be here from now until after the campaign closes. I expect to put about two more men on detective work, making four altogether, and the seven extras, and appoint the regular officers will be stationed along Illinois and Washington streets until after the election. Then we will probably make the police districts smaller, and use all the men." Superintendent Travis now has seventy-two men under him, while the Metropolitan law allows him one for each 1,000 population.

Board of Trade Benefits.

The Board of Trade has in the past been used chiefly by grain men. They have got the benefits out of it, while the other business enterprises of all kinds in the city have, for some reason, failed to take advantage of it. An effort will be made soon to have all classes of business join in the use of the organization, and thereby extend its influence. In this respect the city is somewhat behind its neighbors. Large gatherings of merchants on "Change every day, and great good comes therefrom. Cincinnati, especially, has a large daily

attendance of representative men from all lines of business. Her grain trade is a small part of the total business represented, and as a result the grain men on "Change do not run the whole thing as they do here. In Denver, in Cleveland, and other cities, there is a general meeting of business men, where dealers, manufacturers, brokers and all classes of business are represented. It is claimed, that will result from these daily meetings, is a unity of all business interests so that in matters of importance to the city prompt action can always be secured.

INDIANA'S GOOD CROPS.

Corn and Fruit Promise Abundant Yields, While the Wheat Harvest Is Plentiful.

The year 1888 promises to be one of bountiful harvests in this State, at least. The wheat crop, a portion of which has already been harvested, is far better than was expected a few weeks ago, and the outlook for other crops is such as to make the heart of the husbandman glad. Mr. J. B. Conner, of the Indiana Farmer, has been receiving very complete reports from over the State and thinks that the outlook is better than for years. Regarding the matter he said yesterday: "Thirty days ago the wheat in Indiana was reported as being but 50 per cent of a full crop. Now it is reported as at 60 per cent, and is in better condition than was anticipated. The heads have filled out splendidly, and the top of the stalks is heavy, although thin upon the ground. It is best in the southern part of the State, where a good portion of it has already been harvested. The crop there is in many places as high as 30 bushels per acre. 'What about corn?' he was asked. "The outlook for corn is the best ever seen in the State. It is growing rapidly, and is in fine condition, far better than usual at this time in the year. The same is true of oats, and the potatoes also appear to be in a promising condition. Another good crop they have been expected to have a good apple crop this year. We have had one for seven or eight years, but this year it promises to be immense. The trees are very full of all grades of apples. Wherever there are any peach trees there promises to be an immense yield of that fruit. Even in the northern part of the State, where there are very few peach trees, there will be a fair yield, and in the central and southern parts it will be very heavy. Of hay there is fully three-quarters of a crop. The late rains have thickened it considerably, and it will be a general all over the State. The fact is that all growing crops are in fine condition, and reports concerning live stock are equally favorable. The heat itself, having little effect on any kind of crops as long as there is not a scarcity of rain. Thus far this summer the rain-fall has been about up to the average, and far greater than that of last season. It has been almost a steady drought. The heat, also, has been below that of last summer, notwithstanding the continued high temperature, and the weather, Mr. Wappenhans, of the Signal Service, is of the opinion that the heat this year will not reach the point that it did last. Mr. Conner said that the crop of corn is in fine condition, and is not likely to be seriously affected by any serious drought which may ensue.

First of the New Wheat.

On the Indianapolis & Vincennes road, yesterday, was brought in the first car-load of new wheat. It was shipped from Edwardport by George W. Fuller, and is rated No. 1 in quality.

THE COURTS IN MIDSUMMER.

Trubbs Meets with No Mercy from the Jury That Tried Him.

The trial of Wallace Trubbs, indicted for making a criminal assault on a ten-year-old girl, was concluded yesterday morning, and the jury, after deliberating half an hour, returned a verdict of guilty and fixed his punishment at twelve years in the penitentiary. The verdict was a not a surprise to those who heard the revolting evidence, and it was the general opinion that the punishment is well deserved. One of the members of the jury said they would have been in favor of imprisoning the accused for life if it could have been done. Over half the jury favored the full limit, fourteen years, but as one or two held the view that there was no compromise on twelve. Trubbs is the third man sent to the penitentiary for the same offense by the Criminal Court during the last year.

Testing the Ordinance.

A good many of the merchants along Washington, Illinois and Pennsylvania streets are not pleased with the construction the deputy city attorney is putting on the ordinance requiring the removal of sidewalk signs. There was a test case in the Mayor's Court yesterday morning, and Mayor Denny decided in favor of the merchant. The defendant was Charles Carter, who keeps a confectionary on Illinois street. Some time ago, at an expense of \$300, he erected a gas lamp in front of his store. It was more than twice the ordinary size, and on the globe he had a simple notice of his business. The gas burned came from a private meter, and the lamp was in no way an obstruction to the sidewalk. He was ordered to take it down, and when he refused suit was begun against him. The city attorney contended that the light might tempt Mr. Carter would take the advertisement off the globe. Mayor Denny, however, in deciding in Mr. Carter's favor, held that the simple fact that the globe is a sign painted on it was not a sufficient cause for removal. As the post and lamp were not an obstruction, but, on the contrary, of public benefit, he maintained it could not be removed under the ordinance. Several Washington-street merchants are complaining of the action of the Council in granting these jewelers the right to place clocks over the sidewalk, while all other signs are to be removed. They will probably test the action of the Council in court.

To Determine Its Rights.

The petition of the Citizens' Street-railroad Company for an injunction against the city and the street commissioner to restrain them from interfering with the track-laying on the streets named in the charter granting the Dudley company a franchise will be heard by Judge Walker today. The petition is of great importance to the several street-railroad companies, as it is to determine what rights the Citizens' company has under its charter. It is alleged in the petition that the charter gives that company the privilege to lay tracks on any street or alley in the city, and if the court sustains this claim it is proposed to go ahead at once and complete the track begun along the Dudley route. The company has completed its tracks on Mississippi street to the base-ball ground, and is distributing iron on Central avenue above Home to be in readiness to begin work immediately on the decision being rendered.

Report of the Grand Jury.

The new county grand jury made a partial report last evening in returning an indictment of murder against George W. Long, who shot and killed Henry Baker two weeks ago, and one against John Earl, for stealing \$12 from a street-car driver. Joseph Campbell was indicted on the charge of embezzling \$12 from Ed Smith, a commission merchant, and against Gerard Drake an indictment for stealing rubber stamps from the U. S. L. Railroad was returned. All those indicted but Long were arraigned, and Campbell and Drake pleaded guilty. Their cases will be passed on by Judge Irvin today.

Getting Rid of a Bad Boy.

In the Criminal Court, yesterday, Timothy Sheehan was committed to the Reform School on account of being incorrigible. The action was taken at the request of his parents.

New Incorporations.

Articles of incorporation were filed yesterday for the Lafayette Natural-gas Trust Company, for the purpose of drilling and mining for natural gas, petroleum and other minerals. The company begins with a capital stock of \$500,000, and is organized for fifty years. It will be managed by a board of nine directors. The board for 1888 is composed of Jaa. M. Reynolds, Jas. B. Rucker, Wm. Taylor and others. Articles were also filed for the Oolitic Stone Company of Indiana. It has a capital stock of \$100,000. The company is under the control of John H. Crafston, S. M. Mathers, Dr. John G. Davis, Wm. W. Nichol, Jesse N. Glover, and will have its headquarters at Bloomington.

Accidents in Gas Trenches.

Two accidents occurred along the trenches of the Gas Trust yesterday. At the corner of Coburn and High street the trenches caved in on John McFarlane, laborer, and one of his ribs were broken. He was also injured internally. He was removed to his home at No. 35 West South street, in Kregelo's ambulance. Martin Porter, who drives a delivery wagon for Syrup's commission house, was considerably injured by his wagon upsetting and throwing him into a gas trench. He was removed to his home No. 89, Pace street.

DEATH UNDER THE KNIFE.

An Insane Patient Dies After a Surgical Operation Has Been Performed on Him.

On Dec. 27, 1882, a woman was taken to the Insane Hospital by the authorities of Allen county, and registered under the name of Mrs. Sarah Ward, aged forty-one years. Her case was not a dangerous one, but at times she would become extremely boisterous. She had been a married woman, but previous to her being taken to the hospital her husband died. But very little is known of her life previous to this time, as she seems to have had no friends. On Sept. 13, 1883, she was discharged from the hospital as improved, and was taken in charge by the Allen county officers at Fort Wayne, but her condition becoming a second time dangerous she was returned to this city on Jan. 5, 1885. She has since that time remained under the care of the hospital physicians. Her insanity was marked by no special delusions. For some months she had been suffering terrible agony from peritonitis, and it was finally decided by the physicians to perform an operation on her. This was carried out by Dr. Galbraith, the superintendent, and Drs. Howard and Thomas, of the hospital staff.

Dr. Eastman, of the city, was invited to witness the operation. Under just what treatment the woman was submitted can not be ascertained, but in forty-six hours she died of the effects, and on June 28, 1885, was buried by the county at the asylum grounds. Undertakers Renshaw, Long & Hedges superintended the burial. These details were ascertained at the hospital yesterday from those acquainted with the particulars. The woman's disease, it is said, had nothing whatever to do with insanity, and the operation seems to have been suggested solely by a desire to prove surgical skill without caring much for the consequences. At the office of the Board of Health there is no return of the death.

Ex-Prisoners of War.

The Ex-Union Prisoners of War Association last night elected the following delegates to the national association, which meets in this city Sept. 19 and 20: Col. I. N. Walker, Capt. J. F. Scholl, J. O. Harding. The following committee on arrangements for the meeting of the national association and camp-fire was appointed: Col. I. N. Walker, Col. A. D. Straight, H. G. Stiles, E. H. Williams and John Hamilton.

Reckless Bicycle Riders.

Considerable complaint is heard of the recklessness of bicycle riders on the northern part of the city. Yesterday one lady was knocked down by a wheel on Seventh street, and another on North Illinois had her parasol knocked from her hand into the gutter by a rider, who passed on without any apology.

He Got an Office.

C. A. Tharp, member of the State Senate from Daviess and Martin counties, has tendered his resignation to Governor Gray. He has accepted a position in the internal revenue service.

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BANGLES.

A Paris jewelry fashion note says a fancy for the new silver bangle, composed of many wire hoops, has manifested itself of late. The origin of these bangles is said to be Italian, and the number of the hoops is regulated by the number of letters in the name of the possessor, the days of the week, the month, or whatever fancy may suggest. Sometimes a Christian name or a motto is engraved on the cross-bar that holds them all together.

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